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SUBJECT: TAXES - ALI-FOREMAN FIGHT

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1. BULA MANDUNGU, (CLOSE ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU, CHAIRMAN OF GOZ FOREMAN-ALI FIGHT COMMISSION, AND ORGANIZER OF RISNELIA CORPORATION) CALLED ON ME OCTOBER 21 ON OTHER BUSINESS BUT TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO REFER TO OUR RECENT CONVERSATION WITH BISENGIMANA (REFTEL) CONCERNING TAX STATUS OF RISNELIA. HE SAID THAT BOTH NEW YORK STATE AND IRS WERE INVESTIGATING CORPORATION'S CLAIM THAT IT NOT SUBJECT TO STATE OR FEDERAL TAXES SINCE CORPORATION IS OWNED BY AND IS INSTRUMENTALITY OF GOZ.

2. SPECIFICALLY, HE ASKED THAT STATE DEPARTMENT CONFIRM TO NEW YORK STATE BANK EXAMINERS THAT BUREAU OF PRESIDENCY, IN WHICH HE HOLDS RANK OF A PRINCIPAL COUNSELOR, IS INDEED PART OF GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE. I SAID THAT I COULD FORESEE NO PROBLEM IN THIS AND ASKED IF HE WERE PREPARED TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTARY PROF OF GOZ OWNERSHIP OF RISNELIA. HE REPLIED THAT DOCUMENTS WERE ALREADY BEING SUPPLIED TO US AND NEW YORK TAX AUTHORITIES. SEPARATELY WE UNDERSTAND MAITRE NICOLET, A ZAIRIAN LAWYER, IS CURRENTLY WAITING IN SWITZERLAND FOR WORD THAT QUESTION OF TAXES OF RECEIPTS HAS BEEN RESOLVED AT GOVERNMENT-TO-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOVERNMENT LEVEL, SO HE CAN PROCEED TO THE US AND WORK

OUT DETAILS OF DISPOSITION OF RECEIPTS WITHOUT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT IRS.

- 3. GOZ REQUESTS STATUS REPORT.
- 4. ACTION REQUESTS: PASS THIS MESSAGE AND REFTEL TO IRS FOR INFORMATION AND CONTACT NEW YORK STATE BANK EXAMINERS TO DETERMINE IF SUCH CONFIRMATION MENTIONED PARA 2 IS INDEED NEEDED, IN WHICH CASE I RECOMMEND IT BE SUPPLIED. ADVISE RE WHAT WE CAN TELL GOZ. HINTON

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